

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the Application are reproduced below.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for efficient utilization of transmission resources in a wireless network, comprising:

in response to at least unsuccessfully receiving a radio frame for a packet from a wireless link, requesting retransmission of the frame up to an allowed number of retransmissions;

determining a position of the frame in a set of related frames for the packet, wherein a sequence number corresponds to the position of the frame;

determining the allowed number of retransmissions for the frame based on the position of the frame in the set of related frames, **wherein the allowed number of retransmissions for the frame increases as the sequence number corresponding to the position of the frame in the set of related frames increases**; and

in response to at least unsuccessfully receiving the frame from the allowed number of retransmissions, generating a signal for transmission to a device transmitting the frame, the signal operable to prevent the device from transmitting a set of remaining frames for the packet.

2. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the signal comprises a bitmap identifying the frame and identifying a disparate frame for retransmission.

3. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the radio frame identifies the packet and the signal for transmission to the device transmitting the frame identifies the packet.

4. **(Canceled)**

5. **(Canceled)**

6. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the set of related frames comprises all frames for the packet.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the set of related frames comprises a set of successfully received frames for the packet.

8. **(Original)** The method of Claim 1, wherein the signal for transmission to the device transmitting the frame is operable to prevent the device from transmitting the set of remaining frames by causing the device to drop the set of remaining frames.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A system for efficient utilization of transmission resources in a wireless network, comprising:

means, in response to at least unsuccessfully receiving a radio frame for a packet from a wireless link, for requesting retransmission of the frame up to an allowed number of retransmissions;

means for determining a position of the frame in a set of related frames for the packet, wherein a sequence number corresponds to the position of the frame;

means for determining the allowed number of retransmissions for the frame based on the position of the frame in the set of related frames, **wherein the allowed number of retransmissions for the frame increases as the sequence number corresponding to the position of the frame in the set of related frames increases**; and

means, in response to at least unsuccessfully receiving the frame from the allowed number of retransmissions, for generating a signal for transmission to a device transmitting the frame, the signal operable to prevent the device from transmitting a set of remaining frames for the packet.

10. **(Original)** The system of Claim 9, wherein the signal comprises a bitmap identifying the frame and identifying a disparate frame for retransmission.

11. **(Original)** The system of Claim 9, wherein the radio frame identifies the packet and the signal for transmission to the device transmitting the frame identifies the packet.

12. **(Canceled)**

13. **(Canceled)**

14. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 9, wherein the set of related frames comprises all frames for the packet.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 9, wherein the set of related frames comprises a set of successfully received frames for the packet.

16. **(Original)** The system of Claim 9, wherein the signal for transmission to the device transmitting the frame is operable to prevent the device from transmitting the set of remaining frames by causing the device to drop the set of remaining frames.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A system for efficient utilization of transmission resources in a wireless network, comprising:

logic encoded in media; and

the logic operable to request retransmission of an unsuccessfully received radio frame up to an allowed number of retransmissions, to determine a position of the frame in a set of related frames for the packet, wherein a sequence number corresponds to the position of the frame, to determine the allowed number of retransmissions for the frame based on the position of the frame in the set of related frames, wherein the allowed number of retransmissions for the frame increases as the sequence number corresponding to the position of the frame in the set of related frames increases, and, in response to at least unsuccessfully receiving the frame from the allowed number of retransmissions, to generate a signal for transmission to a device transmitting the frame, the signal operable to prevent the device from transmitting a set of remaining frames for a packet to which the frame belongs.

18. **(Original)** The system of Claim 17, wherein the signal comprises a bitmap identifying the frame and identifying a disparate frame for retransmission.

19. **(Original)** The system of Claim 17, wherein the radio frame identifies the packet and the signal for transmission to the device transmitting the frame identifies the packet.

20. **(Canceled)**

21. **(Canceled)**

22. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 17, wherein the set of related frames comprises all frames for the packet.

23. **(Previously Presented)** The system of Claim 17, wherein the set of related frames comprises a set of successfully received frames for the packet.

24. **(Original)** The system of Claim 17, wherein the signal for transmission to the device transmitting the frame is operable to prevent the device from transmitting the set of remaining frames by causing the device to drop the set of remaining frames.

25. **(Currently Amended)** A method for efficient utilization of transmission resources in a code division multiple access (CDMA) network, comprising:

in response to at least unsuccessfully receiving a radio frame for a packet from a wireless link of a CDMA network, determining a position of the radio frame in a set of related frames for the packet;

determining an allowed number of retransmissions for the frame based on the position of the frame in the set of related frames, wherein the allowed number of retransmissions for the frame increases as the sequence number corresponding to the position of the frame in the set of related frames increases;

requesting retransmission of the radio frame up to the allowed number of retransmissions; and

in response to at least unsuccessfully receiving the frame from the allowed number of retransmissions, generating a signal for transmission to a device transmitting the frame operable to prevent the device from transmitting a set of remaining frames for the packet.

26. **(Previously Presented)** A network element for a wireless network, comprising:

logic encoded in media; and

the logic operable to drop a set of remaining frames for a packet identified by a receiving device as having a frame unsuccessfully received after an allowed number of retransmissions, wherein the allowed number of retransmissions is based on the position of the frame in a set of related frames.

27. **(Original)** A signal propagated on a wireless medium, comprising:

an indication of radio frames requiring retransmission;

an indication of dropped radio frames; and

an identifier of a packet to which the dropped radio frames belong.